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SUBJECT: POLICE (METROCOM) INTERVIEW OF DIOKNO

REF: (A) MANILA 5765; (B) STATE 100918; (C) PARA 3 MANILA 4976

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED TRANSCRIPT OF MARCH 30 EXCHANGE BETWEEN SENATOR DIOKNO (ACCOMPANIED BY ATTY LORENZO TANADA) AND METROCOM "INVESTIGATING PANEL." HEAD OF PANEL, LTC JUAN SISON, DEFINED MEETING AS "JUST A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY BEFORE WE DECIDE TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION," MAKING IT CLEAR THAT SUCH ACTION ANYTHING BUT CERTAIN. DURING GREATER PART OF MEETING, SISON ALLEGED AT LENGTH THAT DIOKNO HAD VIOLATED "CONDITIONS" (NEVER DEFINED) OF HIS "TEMPORARY RELEASE" FROM DETENTION BY MAKING ANTI-MARTIAL LAW SPEECHES AND GIVING LEGAL COUNSEL TO SUSPECTED SUBVERSIVES. IT IS CLEAR FROM CONTEXT THAT DIOKNO'S REAL SIN WAS (IN SISON'S WORDS) FACT THAT "YOU HAVE BEEN HOPPING FROM ONE PART OF THE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER, OPENLY, PUBLICLY AND UNRESTRAINEDLY CRITICIZING AND ATTACKING THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION, ITS LEADERS AND INSTITUTIONS." SISON COMPAINED THAT MONITORING THIS ACTIVITY "HAS TAXED IF NOT SAPPED THE ENERGIES OF OUR INTELLIGENCE AGENCEIES."

2. AMONG 26 MONITORED ACTIVITIES WHICH SISON CITED WAS DIOKNO LUNCHEON MEETINGS WITH TOM JONES, ATTY VISSON AND MR. HUANG OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (P. 12 OF TRANSCRIPT). THIS VERY BRIEF REFERENCE MAY HAVE  
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COME TO AMNESTY'S ATTENTION AND AROUSED THEIR CONCERN

PER REF B. FACT IS, OF COURSE, THAT SOLICITOR GENERAL  
AUTHORIZED CARTE BLANCHE FOR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL,  
INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH DIOKNO, AND SOLICITOR GENERAL  
WOULD NOT PERMIT THOSE MEETINGS TO BE HELD AGAINST  
DIOKNO IN ANY FORMAL MANNER.

3. DIOKNO DENIED ACCUSATIONS IN VAGUE TERMS AND SAID  
HE WOULD PREPARE DETAILED REPLY.

4. TEXT OF DOCUMENT BEING POUCHED EA/PHL. SULLIVAN

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